Financial Year	No. of crash
2001-2002	00
2002-2003	00
2003-2004	00
2004-2005 (till 9th August, 2004)	01

The loss was made up by inducting 10 new Cheetah helicopters during the period February, 2002 to November, 2003.

International Airport at Devanahalli near Bangalore

1491. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given clearance for the proposed International Airport at Devanahalli near Bangalore; and

(b) if so, whether the Defence Ministry has put pre-conditions for closure of its HAL Airport consequent on the proposed International Airport becoming operational?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The operation at HAL airport, Bangalore will continue even after Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) becomes functional. In case, HAL airport is closed down the cost of closure would be made good to HAL.

Request for independent inquiry into lapses in Kargil **War**

1492. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received for independent inquiry in the lapses in Kargil war; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?